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The variable names mentioned in this document belong to a collection of datasets, which is released with doi:[10.5684/soep-core.v35](https://doi.org/10.5684/soep-core.v35).

Reading Aid

This representation of the questionnaire contains the same informations as the portal `paneldata.org`.

The diagram shows a questionnaire entry with the following components and annotations:

- question number:** Q72
- question text:** Now we would like to know something about you personally. Were you born in Germany?
- interviewer instruction:** This refers to Germany or the Federal Republic of Germany or the German Democratic Republic in the national borders at the time of your birth.
- answer options:** Yes (1), No (2), No answer (-1)
- in blue: identifier for filter:** Q72:lsta1
- in blue: filter with condition:** Q72:lsta1=2
- in green:** bio I0013 born in Germany (dataset name, variable name, variable label)
- grey bar: open or numeric answer:** Q73:lsta2 bio I0016 Country Of Birth

Here, in addition to the *question number*, *question text*, *interviewer instructions*, and *answer options*, you find printed in green the *file name* and the *variable name* with the *variable label*, which contains information from the question. If you see rows of green lines below the answer option, the questionnaire defines several variables or informations are stored in more than one data set.

The *routing by filters* is depicted in blue.

Each variable is preceded by an identifier, which usually contains the question number and which is used when the variable is used in filters in subsequent questions. Such filters are usually placed as input filters (gatekeepers) at the beginning of a question. An identifier that is referred to in the input filter of a subsequent question is marked yellow as an example.

This reading aid does not cover a few exceptional cases: If the filter (as gatekeeper) only affects one of several variables for a question, the filter is printed in blue behind the variable. There you will also find a "go to" command in the form 2 @ Q73. Here, the questionnaire skips to question 73 if answer 2 was given.

Phrases that are not already translated in English are displayed in German and preceded by [de].

intro Finally we want to please you to answer the following questions about your biography

BN1 Where were you born?

In The FRG	1
In The GDR	2
In Germany	3
On german territory between 1938 and 1949	4
In the Saarland between 1947 and 1956	5
In Germany, in an area which was before the war German territory until 1937	6
In another country	7
BN1:1 biol lb1340	7 @ BN3

BN2 In which federal state is your place of birth today?

Baden-Wuerttemberg	1
Bavaria	2
Berlin	3
Brandenburg	4
Bremen	5
Hamburg	6
Hessen	7
Mecklenburg-West Pomerania	8
Lower Saxony	9
North Rhine-Westphalia	10
Rhineland -Palatinate	11
Saarlouis	12
Saxony	13
Saxony-Anhalt	14
Schleswig - Holstein	15
Thuringia	16
Place of birth does not lies in Germany today	17
BN2:2 biol lb1341	17 @ BN3

BN3 In which country/state lies your place of birth today?

If there were political changes in the course of the years, please state the actual, if possible German name.

BN4 What city or town were you born in? If there is more than one town with the same name, please also state the name of the nearest city.

Please write the name of the town in the left blank and any additional information in the right blank. For example, write "Düsseldorf," "Frankfurt an der Oder," "Frankfurt am Main," in the left blank and in the case of "Roßdorf bei Schmalkalden," write "Roßdorf" in the left and "bei Schmalkalden" in the right blank. Please follow the same procedure for birthplaces outside Germany!

BN5 The following question should give a look into the relation from school recommendation and later career. Because of this the question: have you had after graduating at elementary school a recommendation for General school, Secondary school or Gymnasium?

If there are different names of schools in the course of the years, please try to associate.

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| General school recommendation or comparable | <input type="text" value="1"/> |
| Secondary school recommendation | <input type="text" value="2"/> |
| Gymnasium recommendation | <input type="text" value="3"/> |
| At my school no recommendations were given | <input type="text" value="4"/> |

BN5:5 biol lb1342 Recommended For Intermediate School

BNV1 In which year was your father born?

BNV1:6 biol lb0082_v3

BNV2 Where were your father born?

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| In The FRG | <input type="text" value="1"/> |
| In The GDR | <input type="text" value="2"/> |
| On german territory between 1938 and 1949 | <input type="text" value="3"/> |
| In Germany, in an area which was before the war German territory until 1937 | <input type="text" value="4"/> |
| In another country | <input type="text" value="5"/> |

BNV2:7 biol lb1344

5 @ BNV3

BNV3 In which country/state lies your father's place of birth today?

If there were political changes in the course of the years, please state the actual, if possible German name.

BNV4 What city or town was your father born in? If there is more than one town with the same name, please also state the name of the nearest city.

Please write the name of the town in the left blank and any additional information in the right blank. For example, write "Düsseldorf," "Frankfurt an der Oder," "Frankfurt am Main," in the left blank and in the case of "Roßdorf bei Schmalkalden," write "Roßdorf" in the left and "bei Schmalkalden" in the right blank. Please follow the same procedure for birthplaces outside Germany!

BNM1 In which year was your mother born?

BNM1:10 biol lb0083_v3

BNM2 Where was your mother born?

In The FRG

1

In The GDR

2

On german territory between 1938 and 1949

3

In Germany, in an area which was before the war German territory until 1937

4

In another country

5

BNM2:11 biol lb1343

5 @ BNM3

BNM3 In which country/state lies your father's place of birth today?

If there were political changes in the course of the years, please state the actual, if possible German name.

BNM4 What city or town was your mother born in? If there is more than one town with the same name, please also state the name of the nearest city.

Please write the name of the town in the left blank and any additional information in the right blank. For example, write "Düsseldorf," "Frankfurt an der Oder," "Frankfurt am Main," in the left blank and in the case of "Roßdorf bei Schmalkalden," write "Roßdorf" in the left and "bei Schmalkalden" in the right blank. Please follow the same procedure for birthplaces outside Germany!